Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Government have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do you know of the existence of religions of the orthodox type?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that the Member is saying that he is not aware of the existence of religions of the orthodox type?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The question is about socio-religious institutions.

Information about official matters.

155. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether anything is done in our public offices that is not the talk of the streets;

(b) whether any action has been taken of late against such tale-bearers;

(c) whether they find fruitful sources of retrenchment to the cost of Government in these human gazettes?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Government are not aware that such is the case.

(b) A certain official was recently transferred from the Huzur Office for publishing information which had come to his knowledge in the course of his official duties.

(c) The question is not clear.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did you make an inquiry before answering this ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No inquiry was made.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you make an inquiry in future?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—If any such instance comes to notice, we well inquire.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does it not mean whether such officers should not be dispensed with from the service ?

Co-operative Societies.

156. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of credit Co-operative Societies, of Industrial Co-operative Societies and Co-operative Store-rooms in the State;

(b) the reasons for the comparative smallness of the number of Industrial Co-operative Societies;

(c) whether they are aware that the Industrial Co-operative Societies are the best of the lot to help the annihilation of poverty in the State;

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